



ALVIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Economic Newsletter

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Alvin prides itself on its great quality of place that has much to offer in recreation and entertainment. Our Parks and Recreation programs include something for all ages. Art & fitness programs, adult kickball, food truck frenzy, and farmer's market days are just a few offerings this time of year. Our civic clubs and foundations put on many community-wide events like Frontier Day, Men Who Cook, and Alvin Music Festival, among others. Walking trails, beautiful old oak trees, and quiet places for relaxation and enjoyment are all around. So, whether day or night, you will find fun throughout our 13 parks where family and friends gather.

Disc Golf Course Now Open



The layout of the new lighted 18-hole disc golf course, located at Briscoe Park, 3625 Briscoe Drive, is displayed near the 1st hole.

The beginning of 2020 got off to a flying start with the opening of the new lighted 18-hole Alvin disc golf course, located at Briscoe Park, 3625 Briscoe Drive. A ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony was held on Wednesday, January 8th to celebrate the official opening of the much anticipated amenity to the public. The ceremony was well attended by community members including elected officials, Alvin-Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and representatives, City of Alvin staff, course designers, project partners and dozens of professional and amateur disc golf players. The event was also covered by ABC 13 Houston as part of their week long highlight of Alvin. Those in attendance heard speeches from many of the people who helped bring the project to fruition, including City Councilman Gabe Adame, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Kelinske and Mayor Paul Horn. The energy efficient LED lighting was funded using Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) revenue, and the course will lead to

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Development Facts Calendar Year 2019 (Jan 01, 2019 - Dec 31, 2019)

Building Permits & Values

New Commercial
Permits
\$12.5 Million

New Residential
Permits
\$39.8 Million

Commercial Remodels/Additions
Permits
\$7.1 Million

Current Home Builders in Alvin

Anglia Homes
CastleRock Communities
Centex
Devon Street Homes
K. Hovnanian Homes
M/I Homes
Rausch Coleman Homes
Saratoga Homes

Development Highlights Calendar Year 2019

65 Planning Development
Meetings

216 New Housing Permits Issued

Kendall Lakes - 37 Completed
Forest Heights - 31 Completed

Alvin's Largest Employers

Alvin ISD
Empereon
Alvin Community College
Wal-Mart
Ascend Performance Materials
INEOS Olefins & Polymers
RiceTec
Ron Carter Automotive
TEAM, Inc.

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an increase in tourism for Alvin. Thanks to an interlocal agreement with Conservation and Reclamation District #3, the project's construction and drainage costs were heavily mitigated. Parks and Recreation Director Dan Kelinske revealed that the new course will receive a special recognition award for completed park projects over \$500,000.00 from the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC). Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, the course was officially opened when Mayor Paul Horn threw the ceremonial 1st disc from the tee pad of the 1st hole. The course was designed by



Attendees gather around Parks and Recreation Director Dan Kelinske as he prepares to cut the ribbon signaling the grand opening of the new lighted 18-hole disc golf course on January 8, 2020.

professional disc golfer Chris Vandergriff, and is the only lighted disc golf course in the country to allow for night time play. While the course is officially open to the public, the course will continue to be enhanced. The course will hold less water once the Bermuda grass grows in fully and pedestrian bridges will be constructed to allow for easy crossing of drainage ditches. The Parks Department will also continue to regularly clear brush from the course to minimize disc loss for players. Following the ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony, the 1st tournament at the new course was held that weekend on January 11th for both professional and amateur disc golfers. The Alvin Noon Lions Club, in conjunction with Gorilla Disc Golf, have already announced another tournament, scheduled for Saturday, March 7,



Professional and amateur disc golfers pose for a picture during the ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony for the new lighted 18-hole disc golf course on January 8, 2020.

2020. The tournament will be the inaugural Alvin Charity Open and is open to professional and amateur players. Regular hours for the disc golf course are from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and the lights are on from dusk until 10:30 p.m. For more information on the disc golf course please visit www.alvin-tx.gov/page/parks.DiscGolfCourse or call (281) 388-4299.

New Fire/EMS Station Coming



City of Alvin's Mayor, Council members, City Manager, Fire Chief, and EMS Director shovel dirt to signify the beginning of construction on the new Fire/EMS station.

The City of Alvin, City and County elected officials, The Alvin Volunteer Fire Department and Alvin Emergency Medical Services held a groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, November 16, 2019 to celebrate the construction of a new Fire/EMS station, located at the intersection of East South Street and Bellaire Boulevard. The new building will be a 29,310 square-foot facility that will house both Fire and EMS administration personnel and equipment, will replace a 50-year-old fire station, a 40-year-old EMS station, and will provide quicker access for emergency personnel to the major thoroughfares through Alvin. The project's estimated construction costs are \$11.7 million and funding for construction will come from the 2019 Certificates of Obligation Bonds. The facility will be constructed by DivisionOne Construction after the City Council awarded the project following a competitive sealed bid process. The estimated completion of the project is February 2021 following a 12-month construction period.



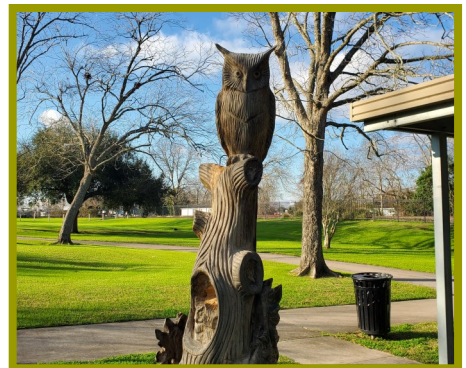
A computer generated rendering of the new Fire/EMS station.

Tree-mendous

The City of Alvin has commissioned the services of tree sculptor James Phillips to create five separate works of art out of dying trees across Alvin. Below is some of his work.



A depiction of children climbing a tree at Sealy Park.



Owls and an owl nest at National Oak Park.



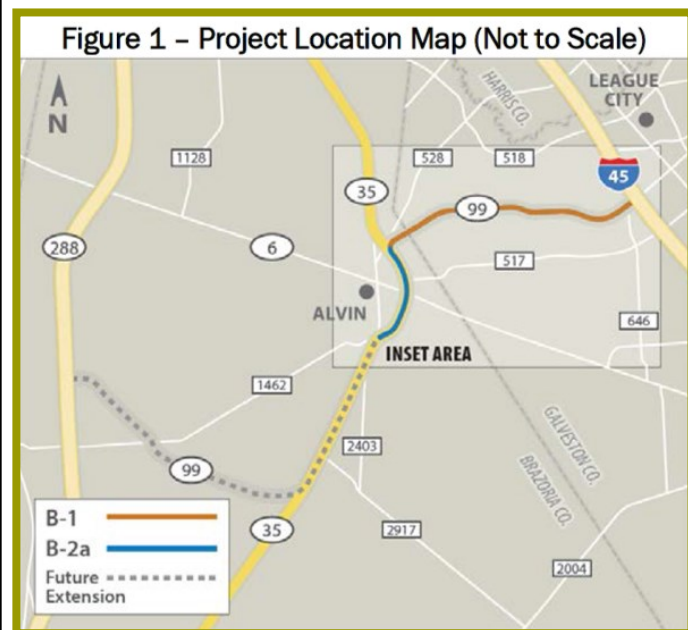
Birds taking flight at National Oak Park.

Grand Parkway Segment B

Many are continuing to work diligently to advance Segment B of the Grand Parkway. This will address safety, congestion and the current expansive growth in our area. TxDOT recently shared a project update and below are excerpts from the report.

"The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in partnership with Galveston County and Brazoria County, is currently evaluating opportunities to implement SH 99 Segment B. SH 99 Grand Parkway Segment B is a proposed 28-mile segment of the Grand Parkway 184-mile loop. Segment B extends from I-45 in Galveston County to SH

288 in Brazoria County. The initial project is comprised of Segment B-1, which is 9.5 miles of new location from I-45 South in League City to SH 35 and Segment B-2a, which is 4.5 miles from SH 35 to FM 1462 in Alvin. Four new toll lanes (two in each direction) will be constructed from I-45 South in League City to



Project Location Map provided courtesy of TxDOT.

FM 1462 in Alvin. Segment B-2a runs within the existing SH 35 right of way, along the stretch known as the "Alvin Bypass." The proposed new toll main lanes, with overpasses, will be signed SH 99, and the existing roadway will remain as non-tolled main lanes of SH 35.

TxDOT, based on coordination with the Counties, is performing a Level II Traffic and Revenue (T&R) Study to support feasibility assessments. This includes traffic counts currently being collected and the T&R consultant conducting meetings with local agencies concerning existing conditions, development patterns and anticipated growth. TxDOT will perform feasibility analysis Summer 2020 based on T&R results expected in Spring 2020."



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TxDOT Traffic Counts
W Hwy 6 @ Business 35
31,000

S Bypass 35 @ E Hwy 6
41,000

S Bypass 35 @ FM 1462
24,000

S Bypass 35 @ FM 528
27,000

S Gordon @ Hwy 6
17,000

FM 528 @ Bypass 35
22,000

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